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Title: COMPOSITION COMPRISING MIDKINE OR PLEIOTROPHIN
PROTEIN AND METHOD OF INCREASING HEMATOPOIETIC
CELLS

The prior application is assigned of record to Meiji Milk Products Co., Ltd.,
a Japanese corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and
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Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date
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- Form PTO-1449, 3 pages, listing documents cited in the parent application. Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials.
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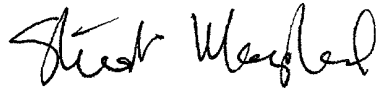
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